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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 180701 - 190700 SEPTEMBER 1962

I. CARIBBEAN

a. JCS ADVISED CINCLANT AND CINCSTRIKE THAT A DECISION MAY BE MADE FOR PROMPT AUGMENTATION OF THE DEFENSES OF GUANTANAMO, BEYOND THAT IN PRESENT PLANS, IN ANTICIPATION OF AN ATTACK. ADDITIONALLY, IN EVENT OF ACTUAL ATTACK SOME REINFORCEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED PENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CINCLANT OPLANS 314-61 CR 316-61. CINCLANT, IN COORDINATION WITH CINCSTRIKE, IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE PLANS FOR EITHER OF THE ABOVE CONTINGENCIES.

b. CINCLANT HAS REQUESTED CINCSTRIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A STAFF CONFERENCE TODAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS JCS DIRECTIVE.

JCS 180132Z (TS)
CINCLANT 181716Z (C)

2. ASIA

a. COMUSJAPAN ADVISED CINCPAC THAT 3D MARDIV UNITS COMMENCED FIRING IN THE NORTH FUJI MANEUVER AREA ON 17 SEPTEMBER. ANTICIPATED LOCAL CIVILIAN OPPOSITION DID NOT MATERIALIZE. CO, MARINE RANGE DETACHMENT SPECULATES THAT DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AT LEAST 19 SEPTEMBER.

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COMUSJAPAN 170733Z (C)

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b. CINCPAC ADVISED THE JCS THAT THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LAOS FAR PERSONNEL WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THAILAND SINCE JUNE 1961 WAS TERMINATED ON 30 AUGUST 1962.

5,367 MEN WERE TRAINED DURING THE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM AND IT WAS CONSIDERED VERY PROFITABLE FOR FAR PERSONNEL.

CINCPAC 180403Z (S)

c. CINCPAC HAS ADVISED PACAF AND COMUSMACV OF HIS CONCURRENCE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A BETTER SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT, DIRECTION, AND CONTROL OF THE LIMITED AIRLIFT RESOURCES NECESSITATED BY THE AIRLIFT ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND.

COMUSMACV WILL ESTABLISH A JOINT AIRLIFT ALLOCATIONS BOARD AND PACAF WILL ESTABLISH A COMBAT CARGO GROUP. THE JAAB WILL ESTABLISH THE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS OF ARMY, NAVY, AND AF RESOURCES.

COMUSMACV WILL EXERCISE OPCON OF THE COMBAT CARGO GROUP THROUGH THE COMUSMACV AFCC.

CINCPAC CP HM SMITH 172108Z (S)

3. MARINE CORPS

a. CMC ADVISED CINCPAC THAT IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF AR-15 AS A HELICOPTER CREW FIRE, SUPPRESSION WEAPON IN SUPPORT OF HUS OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

CMC 181426Z (C)

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4. MOVEMENT

a. BLT 2/I DEBARKED USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) ON 18 SEPTEMBER AND ARRIVED CAMP PENDLETON.

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USS IWO JIMA 181505Z (C)

5. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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6. SELECTED ITEMS FROM THE DIA BULLETIN 18 SEPTEMBER 1962

a. CUBA

A COASTAL DEFENSE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE HAS BEEN INSTALLED NEAR BANES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE. THE ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NEAR BANES SUGGESTS THAT THIS IS A TRAINING SITE. THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIMILAR SITES IN OTHER AREAS MAY BE EXPECTED. THE MISSILE MAY HAVE A RANGE OF UP TO 35 NAUTICAL MILES.

b. SOUTH VIETNAM

REPORTS OF THE RECENT ENTRY INTO SOUTH VIETNAM OF NEW VIET CONG BATTALIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY A RECENT VIET CONG DEFECTOR, ACCORDING TO COMUSMACV. THE DEFECTOR CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF A 300-MAN BATTALION WHICH LEFT NORTH VIETNAM IN APRIL AND ARRIVED IN THE AREA NORTHEAST OF SAIGON IN JULY. VIET CONG REGULARS NOW NUMBER 20,000 TO 22,000 MEN

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AND 25 BATTALIONS -- AN INCREASE OF 3,000 TROOPS AND FOUR
BATTALIONS SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR.

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